



Steve Proctor

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*Region 41*

## Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2004

10:00 am

Weber County Sheriff's Office

Conference Room

### **Attendance**

Steve Proctor	UCAN
Randy Auman	Logan City Police Dept
Bryan Low	Logan City Police Dept
Doug Chandler	State of Utah, ITS
Floyd Ritter	State of Utah, ITS
Boyd Webb	State of Utah, ITS
Matt Bilodeau	Cache County Sheriff's Office
Lloyd Johnson	State of Utah, DNR

Tim Cornia	State of Utah, DPS
Bob Marz	APCO (Freq. Coordination)
Kevin Hayes	ECUTEL
Devin Calcut	State of Utah, Corrections
Randy Fisher	State of Utah, Dept of Health
Brett Mills	Emery County

### **Introductions**

Steve Proctor welcomed those in attendance. Introductions were made for those attending in person as well as those on the phone.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The previous minutes were approved without change.

### **Interoperability Subcommittee**

Floyd Ritter is the new Chair of the 700 MHz Interoperability Subcommittee. Floyd requested clarification on his role after the recent creation of the State SIEC under UWIN. Steve Proctor and Phil Bates co-chair the new UWIN SIEC. Steve said the work done under the 700MHz RPC Interoperability Sub-Committee would be part of the SIEC. Floyd will send out more invites to participate in the sub-committee, with special emphasis on getting federal agencies to participate.

Floyd has a great deal of information on what states and federal agencies are doing with respect to interoperability. **The first meeting of the 700MHz Interoperability sub-committee will be:**

Monday September 13, 2004

10:00 am

State Radio Shop Conference Room

4501 South 2700 West

### **Implementation and Technology Subcommittee**

Boyd sought after and received the committee's approval to adopt the NCC's suggested approach for System Design/Efficiency Requirements as outlined in the NPSTC 700MHz Regional Planning Guidebook, Appendix K. Regions 5 (Southern California) and 24 (Missouri)

have already adopted these guidelines. The FCC has approved Region 5's plan. There was some discussion of what was meant by 'interference-limited bases' vs 'noise floor-limited basis'. Boyd summarized as follows (some license taken here in condensing the discussion): Maps (service contours) showing proposed coverage areas have been used for traditional frequency coordination. These maps are frequently wrong in their assumptions of coverage. What the I&T Subcommittee proposes is to pre-assign channels on a geographic basis. These channels would be reviewed in advance to avoid interference issues.

There was some discussion on the pro's and con's of this approach. In the end, the committee agreed with the NCC's recommendation for pre-assignment of channels. In addition, there was general agreement that a portion of the channels should be reserved. The I&T subcommittee will meet before the next URPC meeting and final recommendations would be presented.

As was decided in a previous meeting, Boyd Webb and Bryan Low will be responsible for maintaining the CAPRAD database. This is a nationally hosted database that will contain all of the information on the assignment of 700MHz public safety channels.

Tim Cornia asked how adopting Appendix K will affect coordination with neighboring regions. Bob Marz noted that in the 800MHz NPSPAC situation, it worked out better with the bordering states because everyone knew what everyone else was going to be using, as opposed to individual requests that required a lot of attention.

Floyd Ritter made a motion to adopt 'Appendix K' as outlined in the NPSTC guidelines, and as presented by Boyd Webb to the Region 41 Committee. Lloyd Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was affirmative and unanimous.

The first meeting of the Implementation and Technology Subcommittee will be:

Thursday September 23, 2004  
10:00 am  
Valley Emergency Communications Center  
5360 South Ridge Village Drive (5885 West)  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84118

Steve briefly discussed allocations of mobile data channels, and asked Boyd Webb to discuss the topic. Nationally, there seem to be two mind-sets:

1. States should be allocated a portion of channels for statewide operations.
2. States should 'get in line like everyone else'.

#### **4.9 GHz Subcommittee Report**

Tim noted that we have not heard anything back from the FCC regarding the plan we submitted in July. Region 41 was the only region that submitted a plan. Two things that were addressed in the document were dispute and database management. Tim said his committee would start working on what kinds of things should be tracked in the database. We may want state AGRC to track map layer information.

Though many say that 4.9GHz equipment is not available now, Tim has found a number of manufacturers who are offering 4.9GHz equipment. Tim was concerned that there doesn't seem to be any requirements for licensing when this equipment is being purchased.

### **Vendor Participation in the Region 41 Planning Process**

Steve had a request from a vendor a couple of days ago that wanted to present information to the Committee on his product. Steve felt it was improper to open up the meetings to vendors, because the purpose of the committee was to get the plan written. Tim was concerned about vendors making presentations, who are not under state contract. Bob Marz suggested that vendors should be invited to present information *after* the plan is completed. The committee seemed to be in unanimous agreement on that point.

### **Colorado Request for Approval of Inter-regional Agreement**

Steve passed around copies of a request by Colorado to sign an Inter-regional agreement for their use of frequencies along the Utah-Colorado border. A vote was not taken; Steve asked that Boyd Webb and Floyd Ritter's subcommittee's review the document and be prepared to comment by the next meeting.

### **Future Meetings**

Steve suggested that we need to have one final meeting in Richfield and make special effort to have participation by tribal, federal and other agencies participate. With the video-conferencing and phone-conferencing, Steve is convinced that we have done a much better job getting the information out.

### **Next URPC Meeting**

Friday September 24, 2004

10:00 am

State Alternate Site

350 S. 900 W.

Richfield, Utah

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